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1. In mid-July 1954, a rumor within the VEB Tiefbau Brandenburg had it that the Bauunion was charged with construction work on a new airfield. In early August, it was determined that the airfield concerned was located in the Querfurt district and that work on this field was scheduled to be started on 1 September 1954.

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2. According to a protocol of the Bauunion Sued, dated 11 June, the following work was to be done at Querfurt airfield, referred to as project no 542, during 1954: Clearing work which was to be started immediately; construction work on the railroad embankment for the spur track after the harvest and possibly the shifting of rails. In early July, the Bauunion Sued requested that the project be turned over to another firm. On 20 July, it was decided that the construction work was to be done by the VEB Tiefbau Brandenburg. At the beginning of August, about 20 persons were employed in Querfurt and the personnel received their pay directly from the Bauunion Sued as no construction headquarters was as yet in existence in Querfurt. Engineer Behmel (fnu) and interpreter Birnbaum (fnu) who had been detached to Querfurt returned to the construction site in Wolfsbehringen.

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Comment. Construction work on an airfield in an area about 10 km west of Querfurt and about 3 km north of Landgrafroda was reported previously.

The present report indicates that the project was handed over to the VEB Tiefbau Brandenburg probably because the Bauunion Sued already had too much work at Jocksdorf and Wolfsbehringen airfields.

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